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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An anatomic dry athletic toe sock shaped to fit either a right foot or a left foot of a wearer, said anatomic dry athletic toe sock comprising:

a sock shaft section including an open end through which the foot of the wearer is inserted when the sock is put on, the sock shaft section including a shaft support section to encircle a lower part of a leg of a wearer and to maintain the sock in proper orientation upon the leg;

a closed foot section adapted to receive the foot of the wearer, the closed foot section including

a heel section adapted to receive a heel of the wearer therein,

an arch section having an arch support section to encircle the foot of the wearer in an arch of the wearer's foot and to prevent the arch section of the sock from moving relative to the wearer's foot,

a plurality of separated, closed toe sections to receive toes of the foot of the wearer, the toe sections being separated by trough regions that keep the toes separate to prevent the toes from rubbing and that each have an apex located where adjacent toe sections are joined, the toe sections joined by nested, overlapping material portions only at the apex of each trough region,

wherein said sock is made at least partially of an air-permeable, hydrophobic, wicking fiber material.

2. (Original) The sock of claim 1, wherein the sock includes an interior portion and an exterior portion, the

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interior portion including a greater or equal amount of hydrophobic fiber material than the exterior portion, the hydrophobic fiber material serving to wick away perspiration from the user's body and allow air therethrough.

3. (Original) The sock of claim 1, where the sock includes one or more sections with multiple adjacent high density and low density hydrophobic fiber material areas.

4. (Original) The sock of claim 1, where the hydrophobic fiber material is channeled.

5. (Original) The sock of claim 1, where the hydrophobic fiber material has at least one of a tetra-channeled and hollow-core configuration.

6. (Original) The sock of claim 1, wherein the shaft support section includes multiple adjacent high density and low density hydrophobic fiber material areas.

7. (Original) The sock of claim 1, wherein the sock includes a dual-welt band.

8. (Original) The sock of claim 1, wherein the heel section is configured to provide an anatomic, accurately sized, anti-slipping, good form fit to a natural shape of a wearer's heel, preventing the heel section from bunching up or slipping out of place.

9. (Original) The sock of claim 1, wherein the heel

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section has a generally bilaterally symmetric trapezoidal shape.

10. (Original) The sock of claim 9, wherein the heel section has sides with opposite angled stitched seams.

11. (Original) The sock of claim 1, wherein each toe section includes a top portion above the toe and a bottom portion below the toe that are seamless.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A sock comprising:
a heel section adapted to receive a heel of a foot of a wearer therein;
an arch section; and
a plurality of separated, closed toe sections to receive toes of the foot of the wearer, the toe sections being separated by trough regions that keep the toes separate to prevent the toes from rubbing and that each have an apex located where adjacent toe sections are joined, the toe sections joined by nested, overlapping material portions only at the apex of each trough region.

14. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 13, wherein the sock is made at least partially of an air-permeable, hydrophobic fiber material.

15. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 14, wherein the sock includes an interior portion and an exterior portion, the interior portion including a greater or equal amount of

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hydrophobic fiber material than the exterior portion.

16. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 14, wherein the sock includes one or more sections with multiple adjacent high density and low density hydrophobic fiber material areas.

17. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic fiber material comprises channels.

18. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic fiber material has at least one of a tetra-channelled and hollow-core configuration.

19. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 13, wherein the heel section has a generally bilaterally symmetric trapezoidal shape.

20. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 13, wherein the heel section has sides with opposite angled stitched seams.

21. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 13, wherein the arch support section includes multiple adjacent high density and low density hydrophobic fiber material areas.

22. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 13, wherein each toe section includes a top portion above the toe and a bottom portion below the toe that are seamless.

23. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 13, further comprising:

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a sock shaft section including an open end through which the foot of the wearer is inserted when the sock is put on and adapted to encircle a lower part of a leg of a wearer.

24. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 23, wherein the shaft support section includes multiple adjacent high density and low density hydrophobic fiber material areas.

25. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 23, wherein the sock includes a dual-welt band.

26. (Currently amended) A method of making a sock, comprising the steps of:

forming a heel section adapted to receive a heel of a foot of a wearer therein;

forming an arch section; and

forming a plurality of separated, closed toe sections to receive toes of the foot of the wearer, the toe sections being separated by trough regions that keep the toes separate to prevent the toes from rubbing and that each have an apex located where adjacent toe sections are joined, the toe sections joined by nested, overlapping material portions only at the apex of each trough region.

27. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 26, wherein the sock is made at least partially of an air-permeable, hydrophobic fiber material.

28. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 27, wherein the sock includes an interior portion and an exterior

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portion, the interior portion including a greater or equal amount of hydrophobic fiber material than the exterior portion.

29. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 27, wherein the sock includes one or more sections with multiple adjacent high density and low density hydrophobic fiber material areas.

30. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 27, wherein the hydrophobic fiber material comprises channels.

31. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 27, wherein the hydrophobic fiber material has at least one of a tetra-channeled and hollow-core configuration.

32. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 26, wherein the heel section has a generally bilaterally symmetric trapezoidal shape.

33. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 26, wherein the heel section has sides with opposite angled stitched seams.

34. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 26, wherein the arch support section includes multiple adjacent high density and low density hydrophobic fiber material areas.

35. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 26, wherein each toe section includes a top portion above the toe and a bottom portion below the toe that are seamless.

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36. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 26, further comprising the step of:

forming a sock shaft section including an open end through which the foot of the wearer is inserted when the sock is put on and adapted to encircle a lower part of a leg of a wearer.

37. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 36, wherein the shaft support section includes multiple adjacent high density and low density hydrophobic fiber material areas.

38. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 36, further comprising the step of:

forming a dual-welt band on the sock.

39-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently amended) A sock comprising:
a sock shaft section including an open end through which a foot of a wearer is inserted when the sock is put on; and
a closed foot section adapted to receive the foot of the wearer, the closed foot section including
a heel section adapted to receive a heel of the wearer therein,

an arch section,
a plurality of separated, closed toe sections to receive toes of the foot of the wearer, the toe sections being separated by trough regions that keep the toes separate to prevent the toes from rubbing and that each have an apex located where adjacent toe sections are joined, the toe sections joined

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by nested, overlapping material portions only at the apex of each trough region,

wherein said sock is made at least partially of a air-permeable, hydrophobic fiber material.

47. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 46, wherein the sock includes an interior portion and an exterior portion, the interior portion including a greater or equal amount of hydrophobic fiber material than the exterior portion.

48. (Currently amended) A sock comprising:

a sock shaft section including an open end through which a foot of a wearer is inserted when the sock is put on; and

a closed foot section adapted to receive the foot of the wearer, the closed foot section including

a heel section adapted to receive a heel of the wearer therein,

an arch section,

a plurality of separated, closed toe sections to receive toes of the foot of the wearer, the toe sections being separated by trough regions that keep the toes separate to prevent the toes from rubbing and that each have an apex located where adjacent toe sections are joined, the toe sections joined by nested, overlapping material portions only at the apex of each trough region.

49. (Original) A sock in accordance with claim 48, wherein each toe section includes a top portion above the toe and a bottom portion below the toe that are seamless.